



World Health Organization



International Diabetes Federation

Diabetes Action Now

A new WHO-IDF programme

This new programme is a joint World Health Organization - International Diabetes Federation (WHO-IDF) initiative. It is being supported by WHO funds and a World Diabetes Foundation grant to IDF and will be based at WHO Headquarters in Geneva.

Overall Programme Goals

The main focus of this programme is on low- and middle-income communities, particularly in developing countries. The overall goal is to stimulate and support the adoption of effective measures for the surveillance, prevention and control of diabetes. A key aim of the programme is to achieve a substantial increase in global awareness about diabetes and its complications.

Time frame

The initial funding is for three years, but the strong expectation is that additional funds will be found to maintain the programme in the longer term. Certainly the goals require a vision that extends well beyond three years.

A high profile programme launch is planned for May 2004. Before this a period of consultation and information gathering is taking place, the deadline for which is 31 January 2004. Input is invited from all interested parties. Feedback will be summarized and published on our web site in February 2004.

Desired outputs for the first three years

Five major outputs are expected over the first three years of the programme.

- 1 A major increase in awareness about diabetes and its complications, particularly in low- and middle-income communities.
- 2 New knowledge from low- and middle-income communities on the awareness of diabetes and its complications, the economic impact of diabetes and the organization and quality of services for its prevention and control.

- 3 A published review of the evidence and rationale for the prevention of diabetes and guidelines for implementing prevention activities.
- 4 Tools to assist with improving prevention and the quality and coverage of effective health care for people with diabetes in low- and middle-income settings.
- 5 An increase in the number of countries with national diabetes programmes delivering the minimum acceptable levels of care and prevention.

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The importance of partnerships

It is only through partnerships and collaborative work that the programme will have an impact. Through the consultation process we are asking people, right from the beginning, to become involved. We need your feedback on the planned outputs and activities, information about relevant work that you know about, and your ideas about how we can work together to achieve our common goals.

Please take the time to read the consultation material and share it as widely as possible.

Feedback is needed by 31 January 2004

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